(d) and (e) A case under section 498-A/306/34 IPC has been registered at the Police Station Karol Bagh on 9th April, 1987. Her husband has already been arrested.

Legislation to protect agriculture workers

1543. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any legislation in any of the States to protect the rights and interests of the agricultural workers; if so, the names of the States;

(b) whether Government have any proposal to enact a Central Legislation for the agricultural workers; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the affirmative, what steps the Central Government have taken so far in this regard; if not, what are the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Kerala has enacted a legislation for agricultural workers; namely, Kerala Agricultural Workers Act, 1974.

(b) and (c) The matter regarding enactment of Central Legislation for the Agricultural Workers was considered in various forums. Due to absence of unanimaity on the issue, it was decided to leave it to the State Governments to enact a legislation for agricultural workers. The State Governments/Union Territories were advised accordingly in September, 1982.

Business of STC and MMTC in International market

1544. SHRI SAGAR RAYKA:

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether STC and MMTC are doing any business in the international market where neither import to India nor export from India is involved; if so, what is the turn-over of these Corporations in such international trade;

(b) whether it is proposed to develop such type of international business by these Corporations; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government feel that such a trading activity would help boost our export trade?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Yes, Sir. The turnover of STC and MMTC in this type of international trade in 1986-87 amounted to approximately Rs. 15 crores and Rs. 8.5 crores respectively.

(b) and (c) These types of transactions, referred to as off-shore trade, do not involve any exports from or imports into India. Growth in this form of trade will depend upon international market situation, business opportunities available, and commercial benefits assessed in specific deals. The profits earned from these augment the foreign exchange earnings of the country. This form of trade also helps establishing of new market channels which can be used for promotive our exports, subsequently.

C.B.I. raid at Swadeshi Textile Mill Pondicherry

1545. SHRI SAGAR RAYKA:

SHRI CHIMANPHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the C.B.I. has recently raided the office of N.T.C.'s Swadeshi Textile Mill, Pondicherry and the offices of D.G.S. and D for sub-standard supplies to defence; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) what are the names of the officers who have been apprehended in this connection and what are the charges against them?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) CBI has recently seized documents relating to the supplies to the Defence by NTC's Swadeshi Textile Mills, Pondicherry and registered a case against some officers of NTC and DGI/IGS.

(b) While no arrests have been reported so far, the case has been registered for offences under section 120B of IPC read with 161 IPC and 5(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act.

Subsidy to cardamom planters

1546. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Spices Board is giving 50 per cent subsidy to the cardamom planters for their developmental activities and also for augmenting regular water supply to the cardamom plantations;

(b) whether Government propose to give advance subsidy to the planters in view of the continued hardship being faced by the planters; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSI): (a) The Spices Board gives subsidy to the growers at varying rates.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Foreign funds received by organisations

1547. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the organisations, namely Diocese of Alleppey; Diocese of Kothamangalam; Diocese of Trivendrum; and Diocese of Quilon have received funds from abroad under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act during the years 1981 to 1984;

(b) if so, what is the amounts received yearwise; and

(c) what are the names of the countries from where the funds originated and the names of the organisations which have contributed the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Information is annexed [*See* Appendix CXLII, Annexure No. 75].

Foreign funds received by organisations

1548. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the following organisations, namely Social Education and Action Society, Chinglepet, Tamil Nadu; Village Community Development Society, Vellakulam, S. Arcot Dist. (Tamil Nadu); Rural Theological Institute; and SPHERE, Gooty, Anantapur Andhra Pradesh) have received funds from abroad under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act during the years 1981-84;

(b) if so, what is the amount received, year-wise; and

(c) what are the names of the countries from where the funds originated and the names of the organisations which have contributed the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Except for Rural Theological Institute whose address is not complete, and therefore no information could be furnished, other organisations have reported receipt of funds as per annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLII, Annexure No. 76].